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SUBJECT: F/V DONG WONG 707

1. SUBJECT VESSEL REMAINS IN CUSTODY IN SITKA, ALASKA, CHARGED WITH TAKING U.S. CREATURES OF CONTINENTAL SHELF. U.S. ATTORNEY HAS PROPOSED OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT OF DOLLARS 575 THOUSAND.

2. DEFENSE ATTY HAS ARGUED FOR REDUCTION OF PROPOSED FIGURE STATING THAT (A) DONG WONG ICE CO. BORROWED DOLLARS 400 THOUSAND FROM BANK OF PUSAN IN JANUARY TO PAY FINE ON PREVIOUS VIOLATION, AND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REPAY LOAN TO DATE, AND (B) THAT VESSEL IS ONLY WORTH DOLLARS 160 THOUSAND, CITING PURCHASE CONTRACT OF DECEMBER 12, 1973 SHOWING DONG WONG BUYING TWO VESSELS AT 64 MILLION WON EACH FROM JEDONG CO. OF SEOUL.

3. U.S. ATTORNEY REQUESTS EMBASSY TO VERIFY THESE STATEMENTS IF POSSIBLE, OR AT LEAST OBTAIN ESTIMATE OF THEIR ACCURACY. ROBINSON

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